

# Sporting News of the World

## PITTSBURG AFTER SWIMMING MEET

APPLICATION MADE TO A. A. U. FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—The Pittsburg Athletic Club has applied to the Amateur Athletic Union for permission to hold the entire set of indoor national swimming championships of 1911 and so stirred up once more the much debated question of whether it is advisable to bunch all the events into one big meet or to place them out one at a time among the various clubs asking for sanctions.

Otto Wable, chairman of the swimming committee of the A. A. U., is at the head of the faction which maintains that the individual alone should be considered when it comes to giving events evolving national titles. This faction claims that a championship should go to the best man and that in forcing the topnotchers to compete in several events on the same day a decided injustice is done them, for they cannot prepare properly, or even be in the best condition, for more than one race, so that a second later at times wins out, which is undesirable. Still, the other side points out with equal reason, that splitting the events gives no chance to developing material, thus offering no incentive, and that the system awakens no interest in the public, while an important, well advertised tournament brings out a large crowd and so serves to popularize aquatic. It all resolves itself into whether the interest of the individual or the good of the sport in general should come first, and opinions vary greatly on the subject.

The Pittsburg A. C. pool is particularly well fitted for a championship carnival. The natatorium has excellent facilities for accommodating spectators and the pool is one of the best in the world for competitive purposes. It measures 90 feet in length by 35 feet in width, the water is kept as clear as crystal, and lines of green tiles along the bottom serve to give swimmers and plungers their course without having to look up.

### McGOORTY CANCELS BOUT.

Eddie Plans Trip to England Soon After New Year.

Neenah, Wis., Dec. 24.—Eddie McGorty, the Oshkosh middle weight, has given up his plans for meeting Frank Klaus within the next few weeks, and McGorty, accompanied by P. L. Callahan, will leave here for London, England, very soon after New Year, for a stay of nearly a year.

McGorty may box for Hugh McIntosh and appear in vaudeville. The report appearing in Chicago papers that he will give up boxing is entirely incorrect.

John McGraw will cling to Rube Marquard. How some fellows hate to write "Stung!" after their signatures!



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## WADDELL'S THIRD WIFE WANTS FREEDOM AGAIN

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—George Edward (Rube) Waddell, the eccentric southpaw of the Minneapolis club, is in the divorce court for the third time. Madge Maguire-Waddell, the third Mrs. Waddell, a New Orleans woman, whom the whimsical twirler married here last April, on Wednesday petitioned for divorce and restoration of her maiden name, Maguire, alleging in substance that Rube failed to keep the "Pollard temperance pledge," he took June 26 last.

The second Mrs. Waddell, May Wynn Skinner Waddell, was divorced by Rube last February.

Mrs. Waddell No. 3 says Rube has failed to support her since their marriage and that she has been forced to sell her wearing apparel to pay board bills.

He has been intoxicated the greater part of their married life, she alleges, has a violent temper, and has thrashed her several times.

Mrs. Waddell says Rube went to Newark, N. J., last September, leaving her without money and in debt for living expenses. He wrote her, again promising to reform and she joined him, but soon after she arrived he gave her a beating, she asserts.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL ABLY SUPPORTED

Since football as played by eastern varsity teams has been discarded for Rugby in the California institutions, the westerners have been trying to spread the alien game to other parts of the country. The cries of "abolish football" have risen louder in Rugby sections than anywhere else. President Ide Wheeler of the University of California says that the introduction of Rugby football into American schools is a moral issue. He is quoted on the subject as follows:

"The superiority of the Rugby game for high schools and colleges is so apparent, so certainly established, that the issue now presented as between this and the old intercollegiate game has taken the form of a moral issue. The old intercollegiate game deserves to be driven out of all American institutions. No one who is well versed in the two games can say anything else. The perpetuation of the old game can only be regarded as ethically wrong. All the oft-repeated artificial efforts to remodel it have proved ineffective. The great and in fact the only remedy is the introduction of the Rugby game. It can readily be seen that the public appreciates all these points," continued Dr. Wheeler. This shown in the increased attendance. The crowd which watched California and Stanford play was the greatest in the history of California football. This interest is bound to increase from year to year as the public becomes more familiar with the Rugby game."

### BOOST FOR MICHIGAN.

Writer in Collier's Weekly Hands Bouquet to Wolverines.

Giving Michigan about as much praise as he possibly could and giving the individual laurels to Capt. Benbrook of the Wolverines, E. C. Patterson in Collier's Weekly selects his All Western football eleven. Wisconsin is not even given a look-in and none of the Badger players are placed on the team. Chicago fared the same way.

Writer Patterson gives Michigan the first place in the west and thinks the Wolverines were stronger than Illinois, using the game with Syracuse as the criterion. Following is the list of the players for all-star team:

End ... .. Wells, Michigan  
Tackle ... .. Walker, Minnesota  
Guard ... .. Benbrook, Michigan  
Center ... .. Twist, Illinois  
Guard ... .. Butler, Illinois  
Tackle ... .. Dutler, Indiana  
End ... .. Sells, Illinois  
Quarter back ... .. McGovern, Minnesota  
Half back ... .. Magidson, Michigan  
Half back ... .. Rosenwald, Minnesota  
Full back ... .. Johnston, Minnesota

### KETCHEL'S BELT FOUND.

Diamond Studded Emblem Discovered in Safe of St. Francis Hotel.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 24.—The gold and diamond studded belt representative of the middleweight pugilistic championship of the world, presented to Stanley Ketchel by the Pacific Athletic club of San Francisco on July 16, 1908, in the city, undergoing repairs at Joseph Siegel's jewelry store on Canal street.

James Lombard, administrator of the champion's estate, located the belt at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco and it was sent to him at once on request.

### STRONG AMERICAN TEAM.

Star Athletes Included on American Olympic Team.

New York, Dec. 24.—Now that the American Olympic committee has been named plans for the tryouts will be formed and all arrangements made to send a strong team to represent us in Sweden in 1912.

The coming summer will give a good line on the present talent and will probably reveal the fact that some of the stars who competed in other Olympi-

## Four Contestants for Billiard Honors



At upper left, George Grey, Australian champion; at right George Sloan; at lower left, George Sutton; lower right, Willie Hoppe.

New York, Dec. 24.—With the decisive defeat of George Sloan and his high run, which stands as a record,

the tryouts will be held in the spring of 1912. It has been the custom in other years to pick men who are to form the Olympic team during the few months preceding the games, and the same plan will be followed this time.

### SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

The St. Louis and New York pitchers were easy picking for both LaJole and Cobb last season.

Addie Joss of the Naps, is in a private hospital in Cleveland recovering from an operation for varicose veins.

According to Eddie Collins of the Athletics, Ed Walsh is the toughest pitcher in the game to steal a base on.

Ralph Glaze, the old Boston pitcher, has been sold by the Indianapolis club to Montreal of the Eastern League.

## STEAM AUTOMOBILES WILL BE ADMITTED THIS YEAR

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—Steam propelled automobiles are destined to come into their own as far as motor racing is concerned during the 1911 season if the action of the contest board of the American Automobile association is directed as Chairman S. M. Butler now believes it will be when the rules for the coming season are made. The consideration of the steam power machine is the outgrowth of a desire evidenced by two or three makers of that kind of automobile to see their product in competition with gasoline cars in the International sweepstakes race to be held on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway May 30 next. The speedway management has received letters from some of the steam car makers asking if they will be allowed to enter the 500-mile race on Memorial day, but the permission could not be granted as the A. A. A. rules do not provide for competition between gasoline motors and steam engines, or, in fact, between steam propelled cars themselves. Chairman Butler was appealed to and asked if there was any possible chance for an arrangement whereby the steam cars could start in the big motor classic.

The A. A. A. official replied that no ruling thus far made would allow steam cars to compete, but that the contest board probably would give them consideration in the 1912 rules and, if possible, arrange a basis whereby steam and gasoline engines would be classed together for certain contests.

News Want Ads bring results

## OVERALL AND BROWN MAY QUIT THE CHICAGO CUBS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Cub fans are anxiously awaiting confirmation or denial of reports from the Pacific coast that the two Cub stars, Overall and Brown, are going to desert baseball and engage in business in the California oil fields. The dispatches state that little flyers in oil have proved so successful that Murphy's twirlers are going to frame a partnership agreement and lay the Cub uniform in moth balls for all time.

Overall, a native of California, already owns an orange ranch there, and Brown is said to have interests in the east which he will dispose of in order to float his proposition on the coast.

Although Brown is under contract to play with Chance in 1911, the minor believes he can build the foundation of a fortune quicker and more securely in other fields. Overall's decision is credited to the report that he would be traded to the Pirates for Camnitz.

## OTTAWA HOCKEY SEVEN IS STRONG

After the bitterest fight in the history of professional hockey in Eastern Canada, the Ottawa Hockey club announced the lineup of the team for this season as follows: Goal, Levesque; point, Roman; cover-point, Shore; forward, Ridpath; center, Walsh; right wing, Gault; left wing, Kerr.

It is announced also that the club has yet to sign two additional men, and it is taken for granted that these are Stuart and Lake, whose return would make the team exactly the same as last season, unless Roman or Gault, who are with Halesbury, beat out Ridpath or Shore for places. The return of Walsh came as a big surprise, and it is known that offers have been made to Lake and Stuart, the latter of whom may coach a team. Pete Green was appointed manager. The highest paid man on the team will get \$700, the club thus keeping well within the salary limit.

Roufrew's team is announced as follows: Goal, Lindsay; point, Patrick or McNamara; cover, Taylor, forward, Rowe, Clegburn, Fraser and Jordan. It is impossible under the salary limit to import all highclass stars, but the club has strong hopes of bringing Frank Patrick back from Nelson.

### SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

Rudolph Unholz has returned from Australia and is at present in Philadelphia, looking for bouts.

In St. Louis they are still talking about Fielder Jones as manager of the Browns next season.

Umpire Fineran of the Eastern league has been engaged to handle the indicator in the National League next season.

President Elberts of the Brooklyn club will start for Panama soon to take a squint over the digging of the big canal.

A number of minor league clubs have asked Connie Mack for First Baseman Gowdy, drafted from the Dallas, Texas, club.

Several of the big league clubs are after good first basemen. The Pittsburg Nationals and the Boston Americans look to be the weakest at the first station.

Like other managers, Joe Cantillon, of the Minneapolis club, has had his ups and downs in baseball, but next season he will have Rube Waddell on his staff of twirlers and that's why you see so many gray-haired managers.

President John J. Taylor of the Speed Boys contemplates the erection of a new ball park and to have the Boston Nationals share the plant which would mean both Boston teams playing all of their home games on the same ground.

The story is going the rounds that Eddie Grant is to be the third baseman of the Cubs next summer.

Pitcher Fred Beebe, who figured in the recent Philadelphia-Cincinnati trade, has signed with the Quakers.

President Dan Johnson of the American league has approved of the sale of the Browns.

Bob Emslie, the veteran National league umpire, whose eyesight has been failing for some time, is to be retired and given a pension.

Owner Murphy of the Chicago Cubs is trying to fix up a deal whereby he will land Jack Flynn, first baseman of the Pirates.

John J. Taylor now thinks he may keep Wood and Carrigan. When he found that everybody wanted them he realized that they were a pretty good pair to have around.

The Leland Giants—those celebrated Negroes of Chicago, are located in Southern California for the winter, and have so far found the California teams harder to beat than the Chicago semi-pros.

The Chicago university baseball team which has been touring Japan, will be given a reception upon its return to the Windy City on December 26.

Fielder Jones says that he makes too much money in Oregon to think of coming back to the diamond. Yet Fielder played last season on a little team in Washington, didn't he?

## MICHIGAN TURNS DOWN CONFERENCE

WOLVERINES WILL CONTINUE ATHLETIC RELATIONS WITH THE EAST—BOARD HOLDS MEETING.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 24.—Michigan's athletic future lies in the east. Such is the meaning of the action, or rather lack of action, which the Wolverine board took at its meeting this week when it dropped the question of return to the conference as not being an open one. Director Bartelme was authorized to proceed with the work of arranging the 1911 schedules along the lines followed during the past four seasons.

All of the members of the new Wolverine governing body, except J. D. Hibbard of Chicago, were on hand for the meeting, which had been heralded as a momentous one. The conference question was raised and discussed at length, the meeting covering nearly four hours. Each of the members expressed his views fully and it became so evident that there was no hope of return to the western fold that the matter was not even put to a vote. The unanimity with which the continuance of the present free dance policy was accepted, was somewhat surprising in view of the persistence which had been previously shown by the pro-conference party. The board took the view that the regulations now in force in the "Big Eight" are of such a nature that it would be impossible for Michigan to accept them. A satisfaction with the present position in the athletic world was expressed and little desire was manifested to effect any change in the Wolverine policy.

The "Big Eight" will remain an ecotet as far as Michigan is concerned and the Wolverines will devote their attention to the best the east can and will offer and to such of their neighbors as are not under the conference's bondage.

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